

JOYS OF THE BERKSHIRES

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APPEALS TO THE MOTORIST

Objective Point for Week-End Touring Parties Because of the Fine Roads.

Summer joys in the Berkshires are countless. It is a fairland of mountain and woodland, with a scenic effect that is delightful and restful to even the most jaded of city dwellers. At every turn there is something new and refreshing and the charm of a lovely natural location, like some Old World spot. The New Yorker hunting for a place to get rest and recreation during the hot summer has two choices, a trip to the seashore or mountains. Many things enter into his consideration, but among the first of these are the climate and the virtues of the resort in health giving properties.

The country of the Berkshires holds a peculiar fascination over the New Yorker, for there he finds lovely spots to rest and rest, invigorating air and a delightful climate all the summer long. The season is one of the longest of those at the nearby summer resorts, and in the Berkshires those who go away in midsummer will find

the Berkshires. To enjoy it to the full the visitor should start at Great Barrington and then pass through the shaded roads of Stockbridge, Lenox and Pittsfield, through the Hoosac Valley, and along the banks of the Hoosac River to North Adams and Williamstown, the home of Williams College, and one of the most picturesque college towns in the country. From Williamstown the trolley line passes on to Bennington, famous in Revolutionary history, as is much of the other country through which the line passes in its sixty miles of travel. This is a trip to be taken leisurely, for it displays quickly and easily most of the famous beauty spots of that part of the country. For those without an automobile it furnishes the best of all possible substitutes.

Stockbridge, or Housatonic, as the Indians called it, has been described as "a scene of valley and hill, river and meadow, surrounded by mountains, whose encircling embrace expresses protection and love to the gentle spirit of the valley." Here Jonathan Edwards did missionary work among the Indians, Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote "The House of the Seven Gables" and "Tanglewood Tales" in the little red house on the north shore of Lake Mahkennec, the famous "Stockbridge Bowl."

Stockbridge boasts of a celebrated old tavern, the Red Lion Inn, dating back to 1774. The tall, graceful elms now cast their protecting shade upon the wealth of the land. Even the Red Lion Inn now boasts of private menus and private baths. The proprietor, however, has tenderly preserved much of the old furniture and pictures and bric-a-brac, so that on entering some of the rooms one passes into the inn of one hundred years ago. Passing through



CANOEING ON A BERKSHIRE STREAM.

much that in comfort and attractiveness surpasses other inland resorts, many of which are not at their best until the early part of September.

In recent years the Berkshires have become the paradise of week-end automobile parties. The roads are the delight of the motorist, and seem to be fairly made for the motor car and its occupants. They are broad and shaded and free from dust as roads can be. These roads run in and out to the beauty spots, so that the motorist can travel by one route and return by another without retracing his tracks. They have become so famous that competitive tours by automobile clubs and associations now have the Berkshires as their objective point.

The Automobile Club of America will furnish maps and route cards at a trifling cost for week-end trips, starting Friday afternoon and getting back to New York after seeing a good deal of the best country, on Monday morning. As a matter of fact the roads are so good and villages where food and lodging may be obtained are so many that the motorist can have a good time by just following his nose to and from the Berkshire country. He cannot go so far astray that he will find it hard to get back on the road, and there is a charm about aimless wandering in a motor car that is more to be appreciated in the Berkshires than in any other motoring country around New York.

APPEALS TO EVERY ONE.

The New Yorker who desires to go to the Berkshires to spend his summer vacation can easily find a spot to suit his own peculiar case. Lenox and Pittsfield are the two largest places; the latter is known as the "gem city of the Berkshires." It is rich in historical interest, and has many sons of whom it is justly proud, including Oliver Wendell Holmes, Henry W. Longfellow and Gordon McKay. The city was named for England's great statesman, William Pitt, and was first settled in 1752. There are several fine hotels to be found there, where every luxury can be obtained, and their prices will be found to suit all purses.

The Pittsfield lakes, Onota to the west, and Pontaucon to the north, constitute one of the most attractive features of this section. Both are large bodies of water, both are charming to a degree and both are popular resorts. Pontaucon entertains thousands of persons during the summer months. The Country Club of Pittsfield is one of the city's leading social organizations and has one of the best golf links in Western Massachusetts. Within its beautiful grounds is Morewood Lake, a small but pretty sheet of water, and boating is one of the pleasures afforded.

HEART OF THE BERKSHIRES.

A score of years ago Lenox was called "the heart of the Berkshires," and it has retained this title against the claims of Pittsfield, its rival. A hundred charming villas crown its hills, and few sections of this vast country can boast of the number of beautiful estates which are to be found in and around Lenox. Each year the Lenox colony is increased by the arrival of more and more wealthy New Yorkers and New Englanders, who erect magnificent houses and lay out large estates.

These wealthy residents keep Lenox clean and well groomed. All wires are under ground and no stray sticks or bits of paper are allowed to litter the broad, shaded streets. Few villages can surpass the beauty of the stretch of roadway through Lenox. Though Lenox is the summer home of millions it is patronized by many visitors who are not in such affluent circumstances. There are several hotels and many boarding houses in and near the village. There are a golf course and many lawn courts, and through the summer and early fall tournaments are held for the devotees of both these sports.

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